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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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**RELATING TO THE STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR  
SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH AN EMOTIONAL DISABILITY**

**WHEREAS**, KRS 200.505 authorizes the State Interagency Council for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability (SIAC) to increase collaboration and cooperation among the many child serving agencies and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, KRS 200.505 establishes the membership of the SIAC which includes a parent and various child serving agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the SIAC is guided by the system of care values and principles, including the principle which states that “children with emotional disturbances should be ensured smooth transitions to the adult services system as they reach maturity”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children (KPFC) is a statewide advocacy organization for youth who have mental health or co-occurring (mental health and substance abuse) disorders and their families; and also administers a Statewide Youth Council which works to increase the contribution of youth with mental health or co-occurring disorders and to help decrease the stigma among peers and service providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the SIAC has discussed transition issues as a priority area at past strategic planning retreats and has indicated that providing appropriate services and supports for these youth are integral to the provision of a smooth system of care; and

**WHEREAS**, the SIAC believes in the importance of youth guided services; that the SIAC will benefit from a youth voice and perspective on the SIAC; and that the current membership of the SIAC considers it imperative to include a youth as a full and voting member of the SIAC:



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**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS 12.028, do hereby Order and Direct the following:

1. A youth representative recommended by the Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children's Statewide Youth Council, and confirmed by the SIAC, may be a permanent voting member of the SIAC.
2. The youth member shall be a youth who has a mental health or co-occurring (mental health/substance abuse) disorder and who is or has been a consumer of state-funded services for youth with an emotional disability.
3. A youth who meets the same criteria may serve as the youth representative's alternate and may participate in all council meetings but may vote only in the absence of the youth member.
4. A youth shall be between the age of fourteen (14) up to age twenty-five (25) upon appointment.
5. Youth members and alternates may serve a term of two (2) years; and shall be eligible to serve out the remainder of the term of membership regardless of age.
6. The youth member and alternate shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred through the performance of their duties as council members.

The Personnel Cabinet, Finance and Administration Cabinet and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall take all steps necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR, GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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TREY GRAYSON  
Secretary of State

## **REORGANIZATION PLAN**

This Reorganization expands the membership of the State Interagency Council for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability (SIAC) to include a youth representative. The reorganization is for administrative purposes with no resulting personnel or fiscal impact. Moreover, the reorganization will not result in any net increased expenditure to Kentucky state government.